

Looking Back ... Looking Forward

We thank you Lord, for this term. For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt. God of the ordinary be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right: to be witnesses of our faith.

Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us, to give time and effort to help others. To be peacemakers in our family.

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun. Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives.

Amen



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Thank you for your stickers.

We have collected:

8280 Points

as at 21 September 2017

This offer has now closed.

Friday 22nd September 2017

Staff Professional Development Day

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS.

IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday 23rd until Friday 27th
October 2017**

*Book Fair

Monday 19th October 2017

First day of Term 4

**STUDENTS COMMENCE AT NORMAL
TIME.**

NOTES COMING HOME THIS WEEK

Eldest child:

* Today Magazine

Jubilee Cross

Yesterday students in Years 4-6 spent time with Father Frank as he brought the Jubilee Cross, which is travelling parishes of Victoria to our school. We processed into school, listened to a Gospel reading and wrote prayers of petition before each students had a chance to touch the cross and have a quiet moment of prayer.



Looking Forward to Term 4

Term Four is shaping up to be another exciting term of learning and celebrations. Our Inquiries are centred around Australian History & Aboriginal Perspectives with our learning groups participating in excursions and incursions to bring the learning to life. Week 3 is also International Children's Week and we have an Indigenous Dance workshop on October 25 with the students showcasing their talents for parents at the end of the day. So put this date in your diary.



In Week 3 we are having our Book Fair. Any parents who are able to help with the sale of books before and/or after school please email Sandy :

shenderson@olscwyn.catholic.edu.au

Leadership Day

Tuesday September 12



On a cold wet morning we gathered at WyndhamVale station for our trip to Our Ladys school in Sunshine. St Andrew's students met us there. We had lots of fun on the train until finally we reached the train station at Sunshine. After a brisk walk in the rain we reached our destination.

On arrival we were given a bag of goodies which included an agenda, notebook, pen, activity book, highlighters, wrist bans and we can't forget the lollies.

The theme of the day was 'Let your Leadership Blossom' with a blossom tree as the symbol.

Our first speaker was Charlie Bezzina, he was born in Victoria and entered the Victorian Police Force in 1972. During his policing career Charlie worked as a detective, was in the drug squad as well as the homicide squad and the armed robbery task force. He retired from the police force in 2009 and is now a columnist for the Herald Sun as well as a media commentator.

Charlie really inspired all the students at the leadership day. He taught us that leaders are responsible and accountable for themselves, their actions and decisions. Leaders have the courage to say no and live by our values. We need to build our reputation by being trustworthy and honest as leaders have integrity, credibility and respect for self and others. We need to be proud of who we are and we are not alone on our journey. Behind us stands our family and our school.

The next speaker was Alice Pung, a writer, lawyer and a teacher who was born in Footscray. She talked about her experiences when she first started school in Footscray and how difficult it was because her and her brother were the first Asians at the school. Her English wasn't very good and she didn't understand a lot of the Australian ways. She was bullied by some students and often made fun of. Alice was determined to stay true to herself and her heritage, she worked hard at school and her hard work paid off.

Gio Fitzpatrick is a dedicated urban ecologist who started volunteering when he was 11 years old. He has developed a reputation for working with wild life, receiving many awards for his efforts and even got to work with Sir David Attenborough. Gio's message was around persistence, being positive and passionate about what you do. He encourages us to never give up, if something doesn't work one way, think it through and try something different.





Thank you to all families who have returned their Spellathon money. All up we raised \$2,930.90. Please see below the children who collected the most sponsorship from each year level:

Prep Koul = \$240.00

Year 4 Felix K = \$140.00

Year 1 Ella K = \$300.00

Year 5 Isabella K = \$30.00

Year 2 Cooper M = \$76.00

Year 6 Alana G = \$67.50

Year 3 Summyr M = \$50.00

Prizes will be handed out during the first assembly for each Learning Group in Term 4.

FOOTY DAY



The grand total of \$221.60 was raised today from our Footy Day. It was great to see so much colour and different sports represented and a fantastic way to wind down for the end of term, after an eventful week.